

## CITY MATTERS.

**Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Aldermen—A Score of Building Permits Granted—Bids for Boring an Artesian Well—A Loan for Current Expenses.**

The board of aldermen met in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, those in attendance being Mayor Wright and Aldermen Twining, Keith, Benson, Hewlett, Walker and Norwood. Absent, Alderman Green.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

J. D. Bellamy, attorney for W. W. King, presented a claim for \$50 for the killing of a cow belonging to Mr. King. Referred to the finance committee.

Mr. D. L. Gore appeared before the board and stated that he and Captain H. K. Nash had been appointed by the chamber of commerce to petition the board for police and better fire protection on Eagles' island. He thereupon presented the following petition, which was referred to the police and fire committees respectively:

"Wilmington, N. C. August 2.  
"Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

"We, the committee on improved police and fire protection on the west side of the river, think the board of aldermen should have a policeman stationed there nightly, and that said policeman should be relieved as often as policemen on this side of the river. To facilitate this the city should own and have a small boat stationed at some convenient place on this side of the river for the policeman to cross the river, and the city should also have a lighter stationed at Market dock or some other convenient place on this side of the river, so that if there is an alarm of fire on the said west side of the river the fire engines could cross the river without unnecessary delay. We think if the city cannot protect that part of the city, then the said part of the city should be ceded back to Brunswick county."

Committee reports were called for, and under this head Mayor Wright, for the public buildings committee, reported that considerable repairs are being made to the opera house. He stated that the appropriation for this work was \$350 and that Mr. S. A. Schloss, the lessee of the opera house, was having the work done with the understanding that the amount expended will be credited to his rent account with the city.

Alderman Keith, of the lights committee, reported that complaints had been made as to the city lighting, and that the Street Railway Company had informed him that they would have an expert here to look into the difficulty with their electric lighting plant.

Alderman Keith, of the special committee appointed to look into the matter of having an artesian well bored, reported that the committee had come to the conclusion that they would have an expert here to look into the difficulty with their electric lighting plant.

A bid was submitted from Burr & Bailey, who propose for \$75 to bore a well 75 feet deep anywhere on Front street, between Princess and Orange streets. They do not guarantee good water, but state that they have such a well at their iron works on Front street and that they have a fine quality of water. The bid was laid on the table for the present.

Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, city superintendent of health, submitted his written report for July. He reports that during the month there were reported to him the birth of six white males, 10 white females, 10 colored males, 4 colored females, and two colored children, the sex of which were not mentioned. During the month the number of deaths were 14 whites and 38 colored. Accompanying his report is a communication from Dr. T. B. Carroll, the veterinary surgeon, stating that July 18th he discovered that a horse belonging to the parlor market was sick with glanders. The horse was isolated and killed. The harness, trough, bedding, etc., were burned and the stable grounds disinfected.

The written report of Chief of the Fire Department Charles Schnibben was presented. He reports that during the month there were fifteen alarms of fire, four of which were false and three were on account of incendiary fires. He states that the loss from the fires was small.

City Clerk and Treasurer F. B. Rice submitted his report for July showing cash on hand July 1st, \$5,765.57; receipts, \$1,534.43; disbursements, \$5,663.38; cash on hand August 1st, \$1,536.62.

Alderman Keith introduced a resolution authorizing the mayor and board of audit and finance to borrow \$2,500 at 8 per cent. interest for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the city. City Clerk and Treasurer F. B. Rice stated that it was thought this would be all that would be needed.

Alderman Keith offered two ordinances regulating the driving of carts, buggies, carriages, drays, wagons, etc., across the bridges and in certain streets. One forbidding vehicles to be driven across bridges faster than a walk was adopted. One regulating driving on Front street, Water street, etc., was laid on the table.

On motion, it was ordered that \$4.50 be paid to Mrs. Jane Sheehan for extra meals furnished a runaway sailor who was held as a prisoner, but who escaped.

On motion of Alderman Walker it was ordered that a brick sidewalk be laid in front of the Congregationalist church on Nun street, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

A petition with reference to the drainage trunk at Eleventh and Queen streets was referred to the streets and wharves committee.

A petition from C. H. Fore, E. T. Wade and others for the improvement of Fifth street from Grace street to Ed Cross and Walnut street from Third street to Seventh street, was referred to the streets and wharves committee. The petitioners express themselves as pleased with the rock from the phosphate mines at Castle Haynes, now being laid on Princess street, between

Fourth and Fifth streets, and ask that this material be used on the streets named.

A petition from the Compton Hose Reel Company setting forth that it has twenty-five members and asking for equipments, was referred to the fire committee.

The board granted the following permits for the erection of buildings in the city:

To J. D. Bellamy, Jr., attorney for John M. Donlan, to erect a six room residence on the east side of Sixth street, between Dock and Orange streets.

To R. M. Wescott, to erect a blacksmith shop on Front and Queen streets.

To W. S. Scott, to erect a stable on Fifth street, between Walnut and Grace streets.

To A. J. Marshall, attorney for W. A. Farris, to erect a metal covered buggy shed and warehouse on Second street, between Market and Dock streets.

To the congregation of the African Holiness church, to erect a church building on Eighth and Hanover streets.

To Dr. F. H. Russell, to erect a two-story residence on Fifth and Princess streets.

To Wm. Smith, to erect a shed to his store on Bladen street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

To Owen Smith, to erect a house on Marcella street, between Front and Second streets.

To H. G. Smallbones, agent for the Clyde Line Steamship Company, to erect a metal covered warehouse 20x30 feet, on North & Worth's wharf.

To J. E. Taylor, to erect three houses on Ninth and Harnett streets.

## COUNTY AFFAIRS.

**Meeting of the Board of Equalization, the Board of Commissioners, and the Pension Board Yesterday—J. S. Daggett Appointed to a Scholarship in the State Agricultural and Mechanical College.**

The board of commissioners of New Hanover county, constituting the board of equalization, met in adjourned session yesterday at 2:30 p. m., to hear complaints as to the assessed valuation of property that has been destroyed or injured by fire. All the members were present, viz: Chairman F. W. Foster and Commissioners Moore, Dempsy, Alexander and Nixon.

Sundry complaints as to the assessment of property for taxation were referred to County Attorney Marsden Bellamy, with power to act.

On motion, R. C. Breece was exempted from poll tax on account of his having one arm off.

On motion, the value of stock of the National Bank of Wilmington was assessed at \$103, and that of the Atlantic National bank at \$115 per share.

The valuation of S. Behrends' building on Front street, between Princess and Market streets, lately occupied by C. W. Polvogt & Co., was reduced to \$7,500 on account of fire.

The valuation of Mrs. E. R. Daggett's residence, on Front street, between Nun and Church streets, was reduced to \$1,500 on account of fire.

The property of Mrs. Johanna Slocumb was put at \$800.

The property of Geo. E. Nixon, in block 42, was put at \$75.

The valuation of the property of W. A. McGowan, in block 213, was put at \$100, and of his property in block 100 at \$900.

## THE COMMISSIONERS.

After the above meeting, the board of commissioners met in regular session for the month of August, all the members being present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the board fixed the rate of special tax to be voted on the school election on next Tuesday, at 10 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 30 cents on the poll.

On motion, Walter G. MacRae was appointed special surveyor to survey lands of Charles Tietgen, in Harnett township, and of J. L. Winner, in Federal Point township. W. M. Hansley was appointed special surveyor to survey lands of Henry Greer, in Cape Fear township.

Dr. J. C. Shepard, county superintendent of health, submitted his written report for July. He reports that there are thirty-one inmates in the county home and fifteen prisoners in the county house of correction. All of them are well cared for and the institution is in good sanitary condition. The jail is in fair condition and not overcrowded.

Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, county physician, submitted his written report for the month of July. He reports that during the month he treated 242 office patients and made 108 visits to 72 paupers at their homes. In his report he says: "I most respectfully call your attention to the immensity of this work."

Register of Deeds Charles W. Norwood submitted his report to the effect that he issued twenty-nine marriage licenses in June and thirteen in July, and exhibited the county treasurer's receipt for \$39.90 in fees for the same.

On motion, the board appointed James S. Daggett, son of Mrs. E. R. Daggett, to a scholarship in the State Agricultural and Mechanical college, at Raleigh.

On motion, Lucy Bethea was allowed \$1.98 for the burial of Reuben Bethea.

On motion, the board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

## Great Lawlessness Alleged

Mobile, Ala., August 3.—Ransom Russell, a colored mill hand, was shot from ambush near Stockton, Baldwin county, Alabama, last Thursday, and he alleges his assailant was a white man named Rome Taylor. Complaint was made to a justice of the peace of that locality, but he took no notice of the crime and Sheriff Booth was also notified, so it is claimed, but he also appeared indifferent. Saturday the Christian-Craft Company, of this city, for whom the negro was working, brought a letter to the governor calling his attention to the lawlessness existing in that section of the county, saying there had been a great deal of it of late.

## A. C. L. IN THE SADDLE.

**It Begins Operating the Onslow Railroad The Road—Its Possibilities—General Manager W. A. Whiting.**

The Wilmington and New Bern railroad company began yesterday the active operation of the road from here to New Bern. It will be operated hereafter as a division of the Atlantic Coast Line system. The road having to be sold, its purchase by the Atlantic Coast Line people, with the intention of operating it in connection with their system, has been favorably received by the public. As an isolated property, it was necessarily handled at a disadvantage; but, with the enlarged facilities which its operation as part of a large system assures it, there is every reason to believe the country it traverses, and there is none better in eastern Carolina, will be rapidly developed, and its farm, truck, fish, timber, and other agricultural and industrial interests be greatly increased.

## ALWAYS A FAVORITE.

The project of a railroad from here to Onslow county, and thence northward, was always a favorite with the Wilmington people. It was advocated for many years before its consummation, and many schemes had been laid to build it, which never succeeded.

## ITS HISTORY.

In 1885 the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina railway was chartered. Wilmington voted a subscription of \$100,000 to its capital stock. Topsail township, in Pender county \$10,000; Onslow county \$60,000, which was subsequently reduced by compromise to \$40,000. The East Carolina Land and Railway Company was chartered to construct a road from Jacksonville to New Bern, and was designed as a continuance of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina. To this New Bern voted \$50,000. These subscriptions fell very far short, of course, of the amount necessary to build the 88 miles of railroad. The efforts of the local projectors proved of no avail, until, in 1889, Mr. Thomas A. McIntyre, of New York, a capitalist and prominent financier of the metropolitan city, acquired control of the projected schemes. He commenced the construction of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina railroad in the summer of 1889. It was finished to Jacksonville in the fall of 1890 and its regular operation was begun very early in 1891. Subsequently, in July 1893, the E. C. Land and Railway was completed from Jacksonville to New Bern. In the summer of 1894, the two roads were consolidated and thereafter operated under the name of the Wilmington, New Bern and Norfolk railroad, until yesterday when it passed into the control of the Atlantic Coast Line to be operated as the Wilmington and New Bern railroad.

## GENERAL MANAGER WHITING.

The road was located and built by Mr. H. A. Whiting, who since its construction has operated it as vice president and general manager. When the road passed into the hands of a receiver he was appointed to that position by the consent of all parties—the bondholders as well as the owners of the road—a high compliment to the fidelity and competency of his management. The foreclosure was the result of conditions, which rendered it impossible to pay interest on the large bonded indebtedness, while operating the road apart from any general and large system, and in no wise to the want of efficiency in the management.

Mr. Whiting came to Wilmington in April 1889, having entire charge of this and Mr. McIntyre's other large interests in eastern North Carolina. Originally from New York and a mining engineer by profession, Mr. Whiting had spent the most of his professional life in the far west, in which field he had established a high reputation for business and engineering abilities. A man of unblemished character and of signal ability, business application, energy and alertness, his supervision of the construction and operation of this road have evidenced trained organizing and administrative capacities and adaptability for practical and executive work. It is high praise, which he well deserves, when the present purchasers of the road, themselves practical railroad men, speak as they do in flattering terms of the location, construction, condition and organization of the railroad.

Mr. Whiting has been active and enterprising in aiding in all public interests, since he has been here, and pleasantly identified himself, both in business and social life with our people, and, if the passing of the road to other hands, were to lead to his removal elsewhere, there would be many sincere regrets, at his departure, and many good wishes for his success in any chosen field of work. We hope as Mr. McIntyre has still large interests here, being still the controlling owner of the street car system, we are to have Mr. Whiting remain with us indefinitely.

## The War With Indian Tribesmen

Bombay, August 3.—It is announced in a dispatch from Simla, the summer residence of the British Indian government, that the combined casualties of the garrison of Fort Chakdara in the Chitral district, which was relieved yesterday, and the relieving force under General Blood, only amounted to Lieutenant Ratnay wounded, seven native British soldiers killed and thirty-five wounded. The loss of the insurgent tribesmen who were besieging the place is not stated. Six thousand tribesmen with scaling ladders, were preparing to attack the fort when they were attacked by the first battalion under Colonel Mackeljohn and completely routed.

## GOLD BRICK SWINDLERS

**WHO CARRY ON THE BUSINESS ON A BIG SCALE.**

**Two Men Arrested in New York for Swindling a Man in New Orleans Out of \$7,000—They Tell Him (an Interest in \$100,000 Worth of "Gold Bricks," Secured in South America)—Arrested Just Before Taking a Steamer for Europe.**

New York, August 3.—The police have locked up at headquarters two men wanted in New Orleans for swindling a wealthy saloon keeper out of \$7,000, and also suspected of being members of a gang who have operated extensively in South American countries and the large cities of this country. The prisoners are Ivan Antonio Magan, 55 years old, of 734 Dolphin street, New Orleans, and Regello Gutierrez, 28 years old, who also comes from New Orleans. Both men are of the Franco-Spanish or Basque type, common in South American countries. They said that they both left New Orleans four days ago. The swindled saloon keeper is Pascal Lastell.

On July 27th, Magan went to the saloon keeper and represented himself as Ralph Diaz. He stated that he and others were in the employ of the Argentine government, stationed at Buenos Ayres. While thus employed they became possessed of \$100,000 in gold bricks. Diaz displayed one of the bricks to Lastell and asked to have it analyzed and tested thoroughly. Lastell had the brick filed and was told that the filings were pure, unalloyed gold dust. The next time Diaz called he had with him a young man, supposed to be Gutierrez. The young man stated that the older one was his father, and that for a long time he had suffered with an affection of the heart. The reason for this was the great energy he had displayed in his early life in accumulating a fortune. He said his father did not care to run any great risks and wanted an active man to share for a consideration in his gold brick fortune. When his father disposed of his interest in the gold bricks, it was his intention to go to New Orleans and sell them. When Lastell was told he could have a one-third share in the gold bricks, he parted with his \$7,000. He soon found he had a lot of fake gold bricks in his hands and he notified the New Orleans police.

One of the men supposed to be a member of the gang died suddenly in New Orleans of heart failure, supposed to have been superinduced by the excitement attendant on this transaction with Lastell. His name was Joseph E. Maria Mayano. The police of this city were notified that the baggage of the gang who had departed had been taken to the Pennsylvania company. Two days later the police were further informed that John Martinez, alias Gonzales, was supposed to be the leader of the gang, and an unknown man had sent a postal card to Ivan Antonio Magan in New York. The police kept a watch on the postoffice, and when Magan called for his postal card he was shadowed to a house on Lexington avenue. Soon he came out with a young man, swarthy and of Irish origin. The detectives followed the pair and placed them under arrest. On Magan's person was found a draft on a London bank for \$10 and a first-class passenger ticket on the American liner St. Paul, which sails tomorrow. On the young man was found \$104, an ingot of pure gold and a package of fake diamonds. Both men were locked up.

Two trunks belonging to the men were found at the house, which contained a complete outfit for the gold brick swindle. Magan when questioned, admitted that he knew Mayano, who dropped dead in New Orleans. He said Mayano offered him \$5,000 for a long time, but repaid the money before he died. The police of New Orleans have been notified of the arrest. The two men were arraigned in a police court and remanded.

## AN EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED.

**A Fast Flyer on the Kansas Pacific Road Ditched by a Washout—Two Trainmen Killed.**

Denver, Colo., August 3.—The fast flyer on the Kansas Pacific railway was wrecked at daylight this morning, about forty miles east of Denver. Two trainmen were killed outright and a number of passengers injured, none of them fatally. The killed were: John Ward, engineer, Denver; W. B. Harrington, baggagemaster, Kansas City.

The wreck was caused by a washout. The heavy rains of the night flooded the streams and carried out a portion of a small bridge which spans Comanche creek, between Byers and Strasburg. The train was on time and was running along at the usual speed, when approaching the point of accident. Without warning, the engine plunged into the abyss, followed by the mail and baggage car, and other cars were piled about in confusion.

The engine was completely under water in almost the middle of the stream and Engineer Ward was under it. Strange to say, the fireman escaped death, but is reported to be badly hurt. Instantly there was the wildest confusion. The most severely injured passengers were riding in the forward car. Some of the sleeping passengers in the Pullmans were thrown from their berths and more or less hurt, but none seriously. Byers, the nearest town to the wreck, was five miles away, and the conductor hastened to cover the distance on foot. He arrived there at 5 o'clock and the railway officials in Denver were notified of the accident by telegraph. A special wrecking train with General Manager Duell and physicians on board started for the scene of the wreck. The rain storm was general in the plains region, and it is feared that many railroad bridges have been washed out.

## Bicycle Races

Asbury Park, N. J., August 3.—Five thousand persons attended the National circuit race at the Asbury Park athletic grounds today. More than unusual interest centered in the meet because it was the prelude to the national championship races to be decided at Philadelphia this week. It gave those who follow the sport an idea of the relative merits of the crack riders of the country, including Bald, Kiser, Cooper, Titus, McDonald, McFarland, Stevens, Newhouse, Eaton and all the best riders in the professional and amateur classes.

The half mile match race between James J. Corbett, the prize fighter, and Henry Maddox, of Asbury Park, was one of the principal events of the day. Maddox gave Corbett about 250 yards in a half mile dash. Corbett won amid loud applause. Time 1:02 2-3.

The most exciting event was the one mile open professional, won by Bald with Butler a close second. Summary: One-third mile dash, professional. Final heat won by Eddie Bald, Buffalo; O. L. Stevens, Ottumwa, Iowa, second; O. S. Kimball, Louisville, third. Time, 43 2-5.

One mile, open professional. Final heat won by Eddie Bald; Nat Butler, Cambridge, Mass., second; O. L. Stevens, third; F. C. Hoyt, Pittsburg, fourth. Time, 2:14 2-5.

Two mile, handicap, professional. Final heat won by Nat Butler; C. S. Wells, San Francisco, second; F. S. Goodman, third; C. R. Newton, fourth. Time, 4:46.

## S. E. EVANS, OF IOWA.

**Stricken with Paralysis and Afflicted with Heart Disease, Made Comfortable by Dr. Miles' Remedies.**



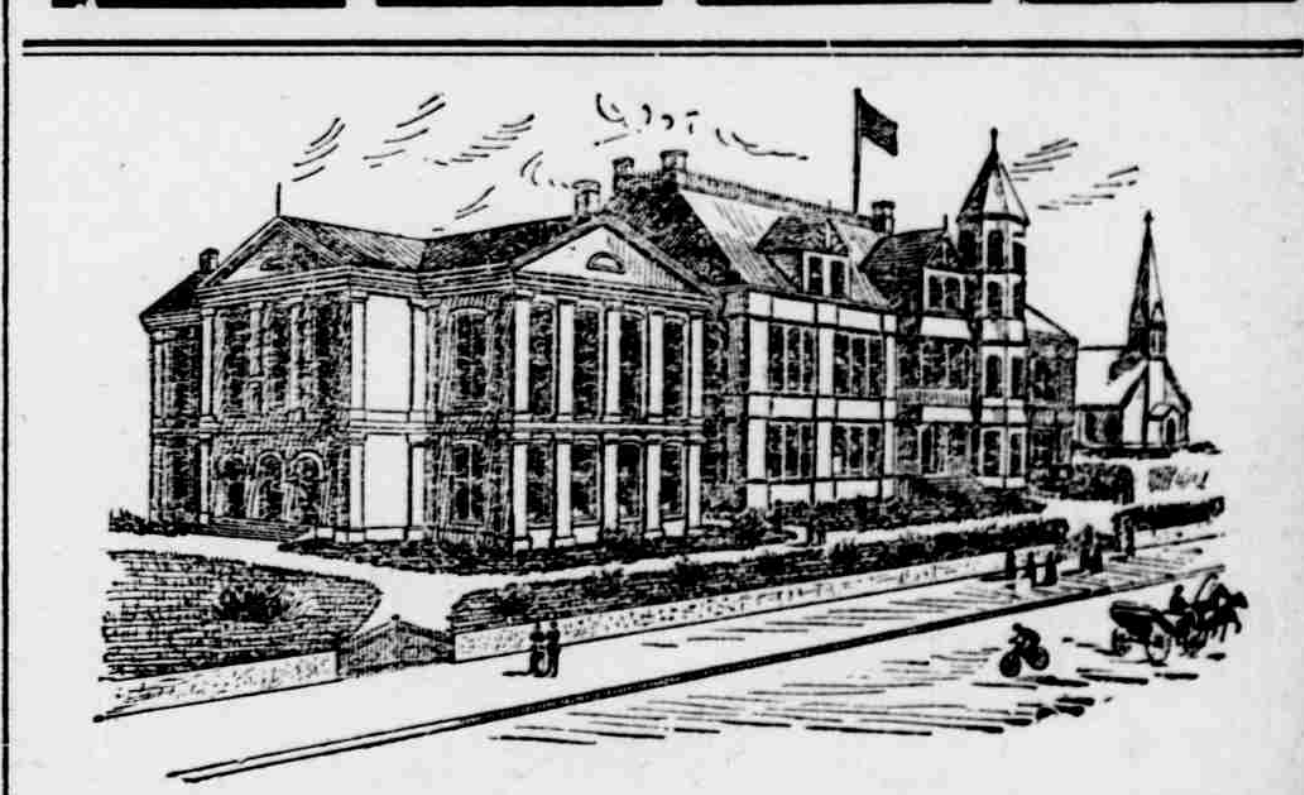
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"If it had not been for Dr. Miles' wonderful Remedies I would have been in my grave three years ago. I know that at my age and with a constitution broken down in the service, (I served through the late war in the 23d Michigan) I cannot reasonably expect many years more of life, but I know that as long as I can obtain Dr. Miles' Remedies, these years will be passed in ease and comfort. The doctors decided four years ago that they could do nothing for me. In addition to my paralysis which rendered my limbs almost useless, I had heart trouble, causing sinking spells which came on two or three times a day, and it would seem that my breath had left me. I could get no sleep of any consequence for the smothering spells that strangled me when lying down. I commenced using Dr. Miles' Nerve and afterwards the Heart Cure with a result far beyond my expectations. I can get around very nicely now with a cane, seldom having a symptom of the sinking spells, and sleep soundly all night long. I tell all my friends of the good I received from Dr. Miles' Remedies and numbers have used them and all have been greatly benefited."

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